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SUBJECT: CHEBOKSARY TRACTOR PLANT

1. STANKOIMPORT OFFICIAL TOLD COMOFF APRIL 22 THAT MINISTRY OF TRACTOR AND AGRICULTURAL MACHINE BUILDING IS REVISING OR CANCELLING SOME 90 PERCENT OF DRAFT TECHNICAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR IMPORTED MACHINE TOOLS AT CHEBOKSARY TRACTOR PLANT. ASKED WHY, HE EXPLAINED THAT MINISTRY HAD PREVIOUSLY INTENDED TO BUY ENTIRE TRANSFER LINES FROM FOREIGN SUPPLIERS BUT WAS NOW LIMITING PROCUREMENT ABROAD TO ISOLATED MACHINES IN LINES DESIGNED BY SOVIETS. SECONDARY CAUSE WAS REDESIGN OF CERTAIN PARTS DUE TO UNSATISFACTORY EXPERIENCE WITH PROTO-TYPES ALREADY PRODUCED. OFFICIAL EXPECTED, HOWEVER, THAT POTENTIAL FOREIGN SUPPLIERS WOULD BE INVITED IN NEAR FUTURE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS ON BASIS OF REVISED TECHNICAL ASSIGNMENTS.

2. COMMENT: THIS CHANGE IN SIGNALS LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER RESULT OF SOVIETS' AGONIZING REAPPRIASAL OF THEIR FOREIGN EXCHANGE POSITION. TIME SPENT IN REVISING TECHNICAL ASSIGNMENTS SHOULD NOT DELAY PROJECT, HOWEVER, AS CONSTRUCTION WORK APPEARS TO BE RUNNING ABOUT YEAR BEHIND SCHEDULE. PRESIDENT OF HERMAN CORPORATION, WHICH SOLD MOLDING LINES FOR CHEBOKSARY FOUNDRY, TOLD COMOFF THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO DELAY ARRIVAL OF TECHNICIANS TO INSTALL

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MACHINERY UNTIL EARLY 1977, FULL YEAR BEHIND OROGINAL

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